



Press Release - For Immediate Release

## **Heckington Windmill Trust is awarded a £133,936 grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund**

Today, Heckington Windmill Trust has received a grant of £133,936 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund for an exciting heritage project - Heckington Windmill Audience Development Project, in the village of Heckington in Lincolnshire. Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project focuses on developing and engaging with new audiences at the windmill.

Supported through The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project will enable the Trust to develop new events and activities at the windmill which will allow audiences and volunteers to engage with the windmill in new and different ways. The grant will go towards funding a part-time Heritage Officer role who will work closely with the Trustees over the next three years to develop and implement an Audience Development Plan. There will be opportunities for people to develop new skills in milling, baking and heritage skills, along with developing and recruiting volunteers.

Heckington Windmill is the only remaining 8 sailed windmill in the country and is a Grade I listed building. In 2017 the Trust received Heritage Fund support to purchase and restore the original buildings that surround the windmill. Following the success of this project, they now plan to expand and develop the activities, courses and access on site for a wider audience to enjoy.

Commenting on the award, Trust Chairman, Charles Pinchbeck said: "It's fantastic news for the windmill. The Trust is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> jubilee year this year and it's a wonderful start to the year. It will make a massive difference to what we can do at Heckington. After the successful opening of the Regeneration project by HRH the Princess Royal, this will help us share the windmill and its exciting stories with so many more people. It's great news for the area as it will attract so many more people, and for all our volunteers too. Once again, we're enormously grateful to National Lottery players for making all this possible."

### **Notes to editors**

Heckington Windmill is the world's only working 8-sail windmill.

Heckington Windmill Trust is a voluntary-run charity.

The Trust has recently completed a £1.6m project to acquire the historic land and buildings around the windmill and restore them to create a unique visitor experience



including a micro-brewery – using malt ground by the windmill – a bakehouse and Miller's tearooms.

The project was formally opened by HRH The Princess Royal in October 2017

The windmill itself is owned by Lincolnshire County Council and leased to the Trust for 99 years.

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### **Further information**

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